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MOTHERS AND THE WAR

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THESE are the days that try the hearts of mothers. In nearly every country of the world mothers are sending their sons (and harder still, their daughters also) away to war. Mothers on our side of the conflict feel that they are giving their all to a cause that is worth their supreme sacrifice. With hearts pierced by sorrow, yet made strong with courage, they send their sons out to battle that tyranny and oppression may be suppressed and the world made free. Other mothers suffer similar sorrow and, though we cannot fathom it, probably feel that their cause is as just.

The sacrifice these mothers make is beyond our power of realization. No one but God and other mothers can know and measure the love of a mother. Outside the realm of divine worship, human love and devotion finds its most sublime expression in mother love. The depth of that love is what makes so keen the suffering when the loved one is adversely affected.

If we could but realize the tenderness of the love our mothers have for us and its susceptibility to the shafts of sorrow we too often loose upon it, those piercing darts would oftener give place to fragrant flowers. But in the obtuseness of our natures and the negligence and selfishness of our hearts we determine to live our own lives thinking "it's nobody's business but mine." Since Cain slew Abel we have persistently made our "best friend" suffer by the things we wilfully do. Mother Eve sorrowed for the loss of Abel, but she grieved far more for Cain. She knew Abel was gone for a time, but was still her own and would ever be so. The uprightness of his life would reflect glory upon her forever. Cain, her other son, was lost, and for him her heart was broken.

Boys in the army, whether you are 18 or 38, remember each of you has a mother. Even though she may be what we term as dead, yet, she still lives and her life is wrapped up in you. By your way of life

will she be known and measured; your success will be hers; honours coming to you will glorify her. Should any baseness be your part, the stain and the stigma that would attach and cling to you would reflect on her in magnified form, and for her would change the halo of pride to a cloud of shame and sorrow.

As you train and fight and work and play keep in the vision of your mind and the conscience of your heart your mother. If what you would say or do would shame you in her presence, turn from it as from the plague. Your going to the army pained your mother; but, heroine that she is, she "took it on the chin." If you will come back to her clean, untainted by those indulgences which pollute and degenerate—if you remain an embodiment of those standards of life she taught you; then her sacrifices will be transformed to sweetness.

Mothers' Day and Easter come close together. It is well that they do. Easter helps us to realize that, come what will, life goes on. Those mothers whose sacrifices carries through—for whom there is found no ram in the thicket, will find unmeasured solace and sustaining assurance in contemplating an association with those they love in a world where there is no death—where there is no war.

Mary who looked upon her Son as He suffered for hours in agony on the Cross, later saw Him triumphant over death and the tomb. By that triumph every mother's son shall rise and shall enjoy life never ending, with glory and honour commensurate with the merits he here won.

All hail to our mothers! As they come and go in the generations of men, God help them to make and mould in the finest pattern of life the men and women of the now and the future; may He make them to realize that that is their primary mission; and may He give them abundant joy and recompense in so doing.

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'IF I HAD A SON . . .'

"If I had a son. . ."

It was J. Edgar Hoover speaking, he who heads the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was telling some of the things he has learned about boys, and fathers, and homes, in the long years of his experience in handling the cases which come to his office.

"If I had a son," he continued, "I'd probably be frightened. So much would depend on me: I'd feel that it would be my fault if my son didn't grow up to be a fine, honest man, a good citizen in every sense of the word. If I couldn't supply my son with good character through home training, I'd know that none of my worldly ambitions for him would ever be realized.

"If I had a son I would do one thing: I'd tell him the truth. I'd never let him catch me in a lie because I wouldn't tell him any lies. I wouldn't skimp the truth either. That might be a trial at times, for little boys are sometimes very inquisitive and persistent. If I couldn't answer my son's questions, I'd say so. Then we'd get together and find out.

"This matter of truth telling is doubly important because every boy is a hero-worshipper. His inclination is to look up to his father as head of the house, a repository of all knowledge, the universal provider, the righteous judge. He cannot do so if he's continually catching his father in half truths. A liar is a weakling and a boy admires strength. No matter how difficult, I'd tell my boy the truth.

"It's certain that the courageous telling of truth is a character builder. If my son broke a rule and told the truth, I wouldn't punish him, but if he tried to take advantage of me by covering deliberate mischief with a cloak of truth, I'd show him that's cheating and penalize him for it. He wouldn't respect me if I did anything else.

"Each year a parade of rogues passes under the eyes of the F.B.I. They're all alike in one thing. They are all liars.

"The whole matter of good citizenship revolves around the simple proposition of honesty. A truthful boy is an honest boy. And an honest boy grows into a successful man. A thief can't be truthful.

"If I had a son, I'd have few rules, but they'd be enforced. After studying literally hundreds of thousands of cases, I've been forced to the conclusion that family discipline is the exception rather than the rule. Boys don't become bad overnight. They get away with little things because the parents are too careless or too soft to punish them. Presently the little offences become big ones.

"Such weak and careless parents should realize that when their children go astray it hasn't been the fault of the children but of the parents. A spoiled boy becomes a spoiled man. Doting parents can't protect him from the hard knocks that are a part of life's discipline. He goes to pieces because he has been raised under a glass.

"If I had a son, I'd try to be a pal to

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Remember The Sabbath Day And Keep It Holy

By ELDER NICHOLAS G. SMITH

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"REMEMBER the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt not do any work, thou nor thy son nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." (Exodus 20:8-11.)

Here we have a commandment direct from the Lord with respect to our behaviour on His holy day and it is imperative, if the blessings of our Heavenly Father are to continue with us, that we keep that commandment.

I realize that there is a difference of opinion as to which day we should observe. Many fine people with whom I am acquainted insist that Saturday is the Sabbath day, which, according to our calendar, is the seventh day of the week. But many changes have been made in our calendar through the ages and it is a fact that the New Year began in England on March 25 prior to 1752 but was changed to January 1 in 1752. In Scotland the change had previously been made in 1600. Through the ages changes have been made by the Greeks and the Romans and to this very day the Russian calendar is different from ours, as is the Jewish. Additional days have been added to some months and taken from others and according to Dio Cassius, as recorded in the Encyclopedia Britannica, the Egyptian week commenced with Saturday but in their flight from Egypt the Jews, from hatred to their ancient oppressors, made Saturday the last day of the week, and down through the ages the Jews have observed that day as their Sabbath.

One of my friends insists "that the Sabbath day or the seventh day of the week should be observed by all people at the same time." Inasmuch as the world is round, of course, that is impossible. My friend refused to accept anything that man may have done with respect to the Sabbath day and yet the International Date-line, man-made, separates Russia from Alaska, comes south running east just below the Hawaiian Islands and then south below the Manihik Islands which are east of the Hawaiian Islands, and yet, while the sun comes up first on the Manihik Islands, it is one day later than the time of the Hawaiian Islands. So the people of the Manihik Islands observe a Sabbath day one day earlier than they do on the islands farther west in Hawaii, one place where they could observe the same day were it not for the International Date-line as the sun comes up at practically the same time at both places. Man's work has interfered, it seems. But a wonderful thing it has been for this old world of ours that one day in seven was set apart as a day of rest.

And why do the Jews observe Saturday as their Sabbath? (Exodus 12:16-17.) We read:

"And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you: no manner of work shall be done—for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt, therefore shall ye observe this day in your generation by an ordinance forever."

Also in Leviticus 23:7, the Lord said to Israel:

"In the first day ye shall do no servile work therein."

Likewise in Numbers 28:18, we read exactly the same command.

I wonder if it could have been a fore-mention of that which was to come in the breaking of the bonds of death by our Saviour. Then in Deuteronomy 5:15 we read that the Lord had reasons for commanding the Jews to observe the Sabbath day for He says:

And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the Sabbath day."

Truly it is a beautiful thing that the Jews have continued to observe that day as their Sabbath, keeping in mind their deliverance from Egypt. But remember, he who gave the law also reminded them of the difficulties they should encounter if they did not observe the law and live in accordance with the mind and will of our Heavenly Father. Penalties were to be imposed and speaking of Israel the Lord said in Hosea 2:11:

"And now will I discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand. I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons and her Sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts."

All these sacred things were to be taken away from His chosen people unless they kept His commandments. I am sure that no one would endeavour to argue that the children of Israel kept the commandments of the Lord throughout the ages for constantly were they being chastised and finally the Saviour Himself came to earth to be rejected of them, and He it was who said, after He and His disciples had walked through the cornfields on the Sabbath day and His disciples began as they went to pluck the ears of corn:

"And the Pharisees said unto him, behold, why do they on the Sabbath day that which is not lawful?"

And then we read:

"And He (the Saviour) said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath."

And after all His redeeming work for all mankind what could be lovelier than to keep in mind His great work by observing the

first day of the week when the Saviour rose from His death, thus opening the way for all mankind to be resurrected? And, one day when the Jews begin to recognize Christ as their Lord and Master, they too will be willing to observe that greater day as the day when Christ redeemed all mankind from death.

Now, keep in mind the law and penalty imposed by the Lord (Numbers 15:32-36):

"And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the Sabbath day. And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation. And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him. And the Lord said unto Moses, The man shall surely be put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp. And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the Lord commanded Moses."

Keep in mind also the Saviour's declaration, when it was so important to observe the Sabbath that He said, to one who came to know what he should do to have eternal life:

"Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," and He gave all the commandments except the one on the Sabbath.

But Colossians 2:13 would put any mind at rest: "Let no man therefore judge you in meat or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon or of the Sabbath days."

Certainly the Lord's disciples began early to meet on the first day for in St. John 20:18 we read:

"Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things unto her. Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you."

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"CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY—"

By Sgt. Maj. PETER GILMOUR

Condensed from a Talk given at "Cumorah"

DID you ever asked yourself, why you are a Mormon, and if you were asked this question, are you sufficiently versed to answer it?

Have you seriously considered the fundamental and objects? Have you ever gone into the principles and try to prove, from the ancient scriptures, archaeology and science, these fundamentals and principles as being absolutely true? And how everything has shaped during the last 100 years in accordance with the teaching of the church, especially in relation to present-day events.

My purpose to-night is to tell you why I am a "Mormon."

My knowledge of science, and of the ancient times of Asia, extending over a period of 40 years and after meeting the Elders who introduced the Book of Mormon to me, soon brought home to me, that I had found the missing link.

For my text I will take the well-known words: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve" and how.

It has become almost a commonplace to speak of the present clash of the armed nations, as a war between good and evil, but it may not be generally known, perhaps understood, that this war is only a phase; and a critical phase of a far greater conflict which has been raging from the dawn of time between right and wrong, between light and darkness and between life and death, between Jesus, the Captain of our salvation and Satan, the arch-enemy of all mankind. I see in certain observations and laws that our church is destined to settle this.

Throughout the ages God has been inviting men and women to listen to the truth which will make them free.

Satan, on the other hand, has been deceiving men and women with lies and leading them into the soul-destroying bondage of sin. All history has been, and still is, a reflex of this spiritual struggle for the souls of men.

Behind all his glittering temptation and precious promises, Satan has nothing which he can offer to his dupes except darkness and degradation and death; whereas God offers through this church the almost incredible gift of abundant life in this world and everlasting life in the world to come. Science proves this: therefore Mormonism need fear nothing from science.

Between these two masters we may choose as we please. We are all free agents. *But choose we must.* We cannot serve both, and we cannot evade the issue by refusing to serve either. If we are not serving God, we are assisting the Devil and all the fiends of hell to accomplish our destruction both in this life, and the life beyond the grave. Our Lord made it clear when He said: "No man can serve two masters."

I was confronted with the question: "How and in what manner will I serve Him." The Mormon Elders gave me the key, I know now how to serve.

Service to God, however, postulates service to all the members of the human race and this is our job. If we are not gathering the souls of our fellows into the fold of the Good Shepherd, we are actually guilty of driving them away to meet death at the hands of the Destroyer. But not so with the Mormons—our Missionary System has proved different.

I saw through the agency of the Church of Latter-day Saints that I had to choose without delay, how I would serve the Master. I had to surrender many things which were making me walk in the valley of the shadow of death, but I found that this surrender was quite easy.

I am a Mormon because I find that Mormonism is the only perfect system of religion on earth. Mormonism stands alone as a perfect reproduction of the church established by Jesus and His apostles. It is the only religion that can profess to have been established by direct

divine authority. All the dissenting churches in Christendom may be traced to mere human origin. They were the works of men. This declaration of mine may not stir some until they have heard me further and only those who have made a study of Mormonism can understand. The knowledge, without it being applied, is of little use. I have the knowledge, I understand, and consequently I believe. These are facts and no one has a hope of refuting facts.

You will find that most sects do not believe in present-day revelation; to their minds Deity is dumb, and God had ceased to speak to mortals.

Mormonism claims to be established by direct communication; to hold authority through the personal ministrations of the presiding apostles of the early Christian Church, Peter, James and John, and to be continued under divine direction.

The perfect agreement between the prediction of Isaiah, chapter 29, and of Joseph Smith, being given the plates that brought forth the Book of Mormon, proves that he was divinely commissioned.

Two thousand four hundred and twenty-four years before Joseph Smith was known, Isaiah said to Israel: "Thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust and thy voice shall be as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust." (Isaiah 29:4.)

The question may sometimes be asked: "Where are the original plates?" That same question can be applied to the Bible, since the original manuscripts that the prophets and apostles themselves wrote, together with the tablets, have been lost so far as man is concerned. Why did God allow those plates and scripts to be lost? The answer is simple: If the original handwriting of Moses, David and Paul or other Bible writers should now exist, there would no doubt be many who would worship these and thus detract from the worship of the invisible God. In the 2nd Book of Kings (18:4) Hezekiah was commanded to destroy the brazen serpent made by Moses because it was worshipped. This is the answer and God alone knows where the plates are.

I was confronted with a problem and I definitely settled two important questions on this score:

Firstly, whether the Book of Mormon is actually a God-inspired book as the Mormons claim, or whether it was of human production.

Secondly, whether the passages in the book are genuine, God-inspired passages, or whether they were mere interpolations of man or an attempted Bible addition.

The fact that Joseph Smith was an uneducated youth, with no experience of theology, struck me so forcibly that my scientific knowledge and the knowledge of prophecy and of the great Hebrew prophet Isaiah was brought into operation. I at once realized that a supreme power was the prime mover and Joseph Smith the instrument in the second part, that he was given supernatural power whereby he was transposed into a translator.

The fact that he compiled the book in the miracle of time, namely, five months, in contrast to the forty-seven Bishops who took four years to complete the James I version of the Bible as we have it in its present form and that with all the material at hand.

Surely any one possessed of some intelligence can perceive the perfect harmony between Isaiah and Joseph Smith's testimony.

There are no cross entries or any contradictions in this book; it stands to-day as in the days of its literal translation from the plates, and has never been mutilated.

Let me now switch over to science for more evidence. In science we do not recognize knowledge until it is understood. Here is an example:

When anything is designed it is necessary, in order to obtain results, for the designer to know, to understand, and apply various laws. To design an internal combustion engine, the designer must know and be able to apply laws governing combustion expansion, and so on, and if through lack of knowledge and understanding any law is not applied which should have been applied, then the machine will not give the results the designers hoped for.

There are certain laws revealed to the

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SACRAMENT GEM AND CONCERT RECITATIONS FOR MAY, 1944

SACRAMENT GEM.

In memory of the broken flesh,
We eat the broken bread;
And witness with the cup, afresh,
Our faith in Christ our Head.

GOSPEL DOCTRINE.

"The happy person is in harmony with conditions about him."—John A. Widtsoe.

GOSPEL MESSAGE.

"God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."—John, chapter 3, verse 16.

SENIORS.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things."—Matthew, chapter 25, verse 21.

JUNIORS.

"If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him."—James, chapter 1, verses 5 and 6.

INTERMEDIATE CLASSES.

"Thou shalt not steal."—Exodus, chapter 20, verse 15.

PRIMARY.

"Not for self, but for one another, God would have us live each day."

KINDERGARTEN.

"The best thing a heart that is thankful can do
Is this: to make thankful some other heart too."

BRANCH TEACHERS' MESSAGE FOR MAY, 1944

"THE FIRST AND GREAT COMMANDMENT"

A LEARNED lawyer approached the Saviour and asked, "Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus replied, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, nad with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment." (Matt 22: 36-38.)

"*With all thy heart*" suggests the whole-hearted giving of oneself to the loving of his Heavenly Father as the Father of his spirit, the giver of his life. It suggests that personal opinions, ambitions, and desires be made subservient to the will of the Father and this willingly and without reservation. In no particular does this attitude imply the surrender of free agency. Quite the opposite—it evidences intelligence in the exercise of this gift in choosing to follow God's infallible rules of conduct in preference to man's awkward and erring course.

"*With all thy soul*" suggests that at all times the spirit and the body be in perfect accord in the loving of God and the keeping of his commandments. In this situation the appetites of the flesh submit to the intelligent direction of the spirit. Here the statement, "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak," does not hold, for the flesh becomes the obedient pupil of the spirit, its rightful master. It is only when the efforts of the spirit and the desires of the body are not properly co-ordinated that the powers of the soul are dissipated. Harmony between the spirit and the body in the loving of God is the surest way of affecting the salvation of the soul.

"*With all thy mind*" suggests that this great incubator of thought and action be as a well springing up into everlasting righteousness. We are the sum total of what goes on in our minds. No word is spoken, no action is taken, without the suggestion of the mind. Everything Jesus did, or the prophets, or the great in any age, was the outward expression of mental activity. This feature of the "first and great commandment" stipulates that every product of the mind, whether expressed in action or not, be in complimentary agreement with the divine will of our Heavenly Father.

Let each of us consecrate his heart, his soul, and his mind, dedicating these great gifts, powers, and energies, to the work of the Lord and to the keeping of "the first and great commandment."

"Choose You This Day—".—From page 71.

Mormons that we must incorporate in our human machine. We have the words of Wisdom which are laws, we have the law of tithing and several other laws, and if we disregard these wholly or in part, our human machine will not work smoothly or not at all.

You become distorted, you bring to yourself discord, your good friends will leave you. The bad ones will stick to you. You will have a disturbed mind, mental worry during the day, and at night you cannot sleep. When you wake up feeling that you have not been to bed at all, another day of mental worry, yet you are conscious of the fact that you are to blame, you have broken

the laws, but you do not try to improve; finally you get sick, the Devil has put you to bed—a self imposed punishment.

Do you need a doctor? No, you don't, you need a psychologist. He will tell you all your faults—but will you correct them?

This is exactly the condition when Isaiah said that we would meet with opposition. Speaking of God's people, "Ephraim," the Devil chooses a Mormon more than any one else. More reason why we should invoke the Lord's injunction "Watch and pray," and if we do then Joseph Smith's prayer is correct. He says, "That no weapon made against us will prosper." But only if you keep the laws.

Remember The Sabbath Day.—From page 69.

I wonder why the disciples feared the Jews if it could be possible that in holding their meetings upon the first day of the week instead of the seventh day they feared that they might cause difficulties to arise.

"And when He had so said, He shewed unto them His hands and His side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then Jesus said to them again, Peace be unto you, as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

Thomas, who was not at that meeting and who could not believe that the Saviour had been raised from the dead said:

"Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe."

And now note the 26th verse:

"And after eight days (which would bring them again to the first day of the week) again His disciples were within and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith He to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing."

Elder B. H. Roberts says in his pamphlet, "The Lord's Day":

"Let this much be held in mind from the above, Jesus arose from the dead on the first day of the week and appeared to His disciples when they were assembled together. Then after eight days, which brings us again to the first day of the week, His disciples were again assembled and He appeared unto them. We have no account of His appearing in the interim, a significant fact and one which makes it easy to believe that the second meeting on the first day of the week was appointed by the Lord Himself. And since all that He did on this and other occasions was not written, it is not impossible or even improbable that He then sanctified this day and appointed it as a holy day to be observed as sacred by His followers. This view is sustained by the continued practice of the apostles in meeting on the first day of the week for

it is a significant fact that the day of Pentecost, on which day the apostles received their spiritual endowment by the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, that year fell on the first day of the week." (See Smith Dictionary of the Bible, Haskin's and Abbott's edition, vol. 2, article "The Lord's Day," p. 1677; also Gran Hall's work, vol. 5, p. 51, Oxford Edition, "Discourse on the Sabbath and the Lord's Day.")

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." They received the outpouring of the Holy Ghost and publicly preached the gospel and administered baptism. This assembling together on the first day of the week was doubtless in continuation of that new order of things with respect to the Sabbath which Jesus had ordained. And many years after Pentecost, in giving the account of Paul's journey from Phillippi to Troas, the writer of the Acts of the Apostles says that the journey was accomplished in five days and at Troas the apostolic party abode seven days and upon the first day of the week when the disciples came together to break bread Paul preached unto them ready to depart upon the morrow and continued his speech until midnight. Again Paul, in writing instructions to the saints at Corinth (1st Corinthians 16:1-2), says:

"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

Elder Roberts continues:

"Within the lifetime of the last apostles too this Christian Sabbath had received its name, the Lord's day," as recorded in Revelations 1:10 when John makes the statement, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet."

Apparently then, the day that had been called the Sabbath day in commemoration of the release from bondage of the Israelites now becomes the Lord's day, a very significant title undoubtedly having reference to the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

To Latter-day Saints additional evidence is given with respect to this day in a revelation given in August, 1831, when the Lord said to the Prophet Joseph Smith:

"Thou shalt offer a sacrifice unto the Lord in righteousness, even that of a broken heart and a contrite spirit and that thou mayest more fully keep thyself unspotted from the world thou shalt go to the house of prayer and offer up thy sacrifice upon my holy day, for verily this is a day appointed unto you to rest from your labours and to pay thy devotions unto the most high. Nevertheless thy vow shall be offered up in righteousness on all days and at all times, but remember that on this the Lord's day, thou shalt offer thine oblations and thy sacrament unto the most high, confessing thy sins unto thy brethren and before the Lord. And on this day thou shalt do none other thing only let thy food be prepared with singleness of heart that thy fasting may be perfect, or in other words, that thy joy may be full." (D. and C. 59:8-13.)

President Brigham Young was very outspoken upon this matter of observing the Sabbath day and when the pioneers first came into this valley, on the first Sunday afternoon he preached a sermon on keeping the Sabbath day holy, promising the saints they would be blessed as they observed that day.

As I have travelled through the Church attending conferences I have been amazed throughout the states of Utah and Idaho to see the farmers busily engaged in cutting hay and grain and hauling these crops into stacks on Sunday. I thought of Brigham Young and his reminder to the pioneers that if we expected to be blessed in this country we would have to observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Later on he said:

"Now remember, my brethren, those who go skating buggy-riding or on excursions on the Sabbath day—and there is a great deal of this practice—are weak in the faith. Gradually, little by little, the spirit of their religion leaks out of their hearts and their affections. By and by they begin to see faults in the brethren, faults in the doctrines of the Church, faults in the organization, and at last they

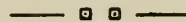
leave the kingdom of God and go to destruction."

I really wish all would remember this and tell it to your neighbours.

President Heber J. Grant says:

"The Lord's day is a holy day—not a holiday. It has been set apart as a day of rest and worship and we accept the Lord's day as the first day of the week, in accordance with the instructions given by the Prophet Joseph Smith. A sacred Sabbath begets reverence for God. It is not pleasing in His sight that the day be given over to pleasure-seeking in places of amusement or elsewhere. Sunday Schools and meetings have been so arranged that they meet the convenience of the people and leave a considerable portion of the Sabbath day without Church appointments. We earnestly appeal to the people to keep their appointments faithfully and to utilize that portion of the Sunday not appointed for meetings in promoting family associations in the home with the purpose of stimulating and establishing greater home fealty, a closer companionship among parents and children and more intimate relations among all kindred. We believe it is unnecessary for families to go beyond their homes or those of their kindred for the relaxation and association which are proper for the Sabbath day. And we therefore discourage more travelling than is necessary for this purpose and attendance upon appointed meetings. Let all unnecessary labour be suspended and let no encouragement be given by members of the Church at places of amusement and recreation on the Sabbath day. If Sunday is spent in our meetings and in our homes, great blessings will come to our families and communities."

And so, for us, the day to observe is the Lord's day, in accordance with modern revelation, and the blessings of the Lord will be made apparent to all those who observe and keep holy this day.



The good mannered can do without riches. All doors fly open to them and they enter everywhere without money and without price.

AFTER THE WAR

By ROE FULKERSON

DON BLANDING tells this story on himself. Madam Programme Chairwoman wanted a poet to speak to her local literary society. She felt that the effect would be very cultural. So she wrote to a lyceum bureau to send her a poet. With two other ladies of her committee, she went to the train to meet her poet. Don was the only man who got off the train, and seeing the committee, walked over, gave his name and asked if they were there to meet him. Madam Chairman looked at Don's six feet four and two hundred and twenty-five pounds, and threw up her hands. "Good heavens!" she exclaimed. "I sent for a poet and they have sent a truck driver!"

If Don Blanding had never written anything except his Vagabond House, he would have made a name for himself in English literature, but he has written and illustrated many other beautiful poems.

Don vouches for the truth of the following incident.

A Florida back-country woman was hoeing out in front of her weather-beaten house. A neighbour stopped and leaned on the fence. "Effie May," she said, "it ain't fitten for you to be hoein' out here to-day when the whole town knows you just had a letter from the government sayin' that your son Jim is layin' out in one of them furrin heathen lands dead. It just ain't fitten!"

Effie May rested her hoe and looked at her neighbour with bleak level eyes. "Friend," she said, "I know you mean well, but you just don't understand. This is Jim's land, and it rejoiced his heart to see green things growin' because it meant that his maw and the young 'uns would be eatin'. This is his hoe, and when I'm hoein' I can almost feel his big strong hands under mine and hear his voice sayin' 'That's good, Maw. That's good.' I can't afford a stone monument for Jim. Workin', not weepin', is the only headstone I can give him. So, if you don't mind, Neighbour, I'll do my grievin' in my own way."

Brave words from a broken heart. Every wife and every mother is entitled to her own way of grieving for her men folks lost in this dreadful war.

There is a lesson in this sweet and homely incident for all of us who must stay home while our young manhood goes to fight.

Millions of Jims are over there. Before long, please God, most of them will be back over here. It is our job to try to figure out what they are going to want in a world they have won back for us.

My thought is that what they are going to want when they get back is just what Jim would have wanted. The same world they left behind when they went away. The less it is changed, the better they are going to like it.

Manufacturers, scientists, economists and dreamers are all telling us what a wonderful new world Jim's comrades are coming back to.

Streamlined, front-drive automobiles are going to have transparent plastic bodies so that we can see the engine work and tell what is wrong without even raising the hood.

Television is to be combined with every radio so that we can see as well as hear our favourite comedians and commentators. We will watch as well as listen to all the members of the great name bands.

Prefabricated houses can be ordered from catalogues and set up on our lot at a speed that will dumbfound us. Glass brick will be substituted for cement blocks in these air conditioned, sound proofed, hygienic houses.

Synthetic fabrics will make our clothes, which will be so inexpensive that we can throw them away after one or two wearings. Vitamin-fortified foods; dehydrated vegetables; strange new cure-all drugs and a thousand other modern inventions will make our lives more efficient.

But somehow I don't believe that these things will interest the returned fighting man half as much as the old things he left behind. I think he would rather open the

gate and see old Towser, his dog, rush down the path and jump on him with muddy paws as he takes his wife and his mother in his arms.

I think he will want to get into the battered old Ford and drive down to the mill-pond on Saturday afternoon and catch himself a mess of blue gills, or cast a plug for a wary bronze-backed bass.

I'm thinking that he will want to go down to the village drug store and sit on the same old high stool and eat a banana split with the old high school gang.

I don't think the new things are going to appeal to him half so much as getting back to his hoeing, as Jim would have wanted to do, or getting his old job back and settling back into the kind of a life he used to live.

Jim's buddies are going to want to push this war far behind them as they sit once more with their wives and plan for the future which was interrupted by this bloody mess. They are going to talk about it and think about it as little as possible.

They will have lost one, two or three years out of their lives just when they were living it at its best and enjoying it at its fullest.

Our eternal debt to them must be paid by helping them to get back to where they were when their lives were torn apart by the power crazed butchers who broke up Jim's world for him.

Let's keep Jim's home land as nearly as possible the same home land which they left, and about which they have been dreaming and for which they have been

longing all the weary days and nights in fox holes and swamps, in sand and in mud.

Let Jim's comrades remake the world after they come home, if that's what they want to do. In the meanwhile, we owe it to them to let them come back to the same world, and the same ideals, for which they are fighting.

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"If I Had A Son".—From page 67.

my boy, but I wouldn't carry that so far that I might be 'tagging along.' Often he wants to just be with his friends.

"I'd encourage him to join the Boy Scouts, but before he joined I'd make a point of getting acquainted with the leader of the troop.

"I think every child should have certain definite duties to perform in the home. After all, the home is not only a place of living, it is a place of learning.

"And I'd have my son go to Church. What's more, I'd go with him. Apart from religious instruction, churchgoing is a means by which the young man would meet persons of fine character.

"But above everything else, I'd try to understand my son. For I fully realize that if I didn't I'd be a failure as a dad."

—From *The Desert News*.

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What a man learns is as a nail and is driven home by the hammer of his actions.

GRUMBLING

By WM. H. REEDER, Jr.

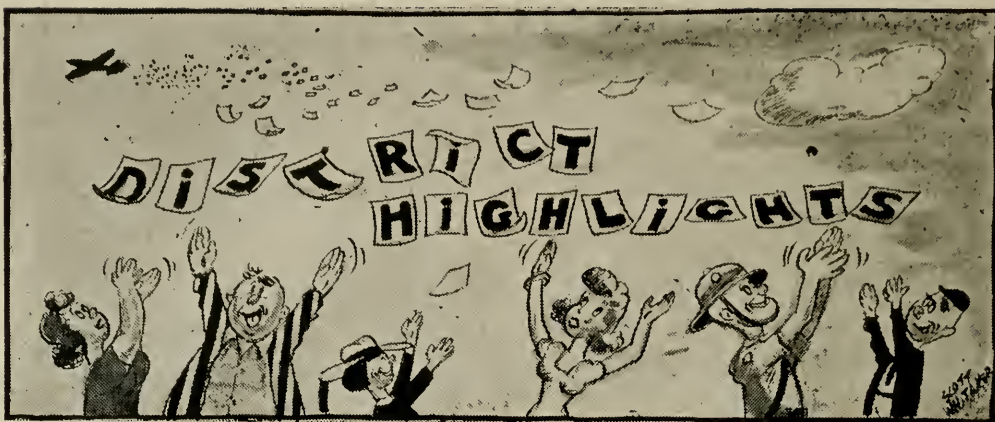
"GRUMBLERS are commonly an idle set. Having no disposition to work themselves, they spend their time in whining and complaining both about their own affairs and those of their neighbours' and associates'."—Henry.

To the grumbler, the task is too hard, the time is wrong, the weather is too good or too bad; the world and country are going to pot, everybody else is out of step, out of time, in the way; the other fellow's success is mere luck; and thus we could go on down through the gamut of imaginary ills,

wrongs, and misadventures—all meat for the grumbler.

The grumbler centres on one or all these; and in complaining makes himself and others miserable. If grumbling becomes chronic it is devastating to one's success and happiness.

"No talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character, is required to set up in the grumbling business; but those who are moved by a genuine desire to do good have little time for murmuring or complaint."—Robert West.



The Transvaal District has done it again. There were two Baptismal Services held during the month of April. The following brothers and sisters were baptized and confirmed:

Daphne Annette Halse, daughter of Brother and Sister Norman O. Halse, of Basutoland.

Doreen Mavis Ganter, the wife of Brother Vincent Ganter, of Kensington.

Ronald Charl Louw, son of Branch President and Sister I. C. Louw, of Springs.

Noel Barry Futter, foster son of Brother and Sister E. L. Futter, of Springs.

Charles Edward Wilson, foster son of Sister Mary E. Vice, of Johannesburg.

Petrus Johannes Rossouw, of Krugersdorp.

The Mowbray Branch of the Cape District added two new names to the membership list of the Church on the 2nd of May, at which time the following sisters were baptized and confirmed:

Clara McAdams, sister of Sister Edith Wiid, of Woodstock.

Agnes Christine Hubert, wife of Brother Alwyn Hubert, of Mouille Point.

We congratulate these good people and extend to them our hand in fellowship in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

We extend our congratulations and very best wishes to Mr. and Sister Clifford F. Allen (formerly Sister Patsy Smith), of Goodwood, on the occasion of the birth

of a son on the 30th of April. Just narrowly missed being a May Day Boy. Both mother and son are doing very well, and, of course, dad is as proud as can be.

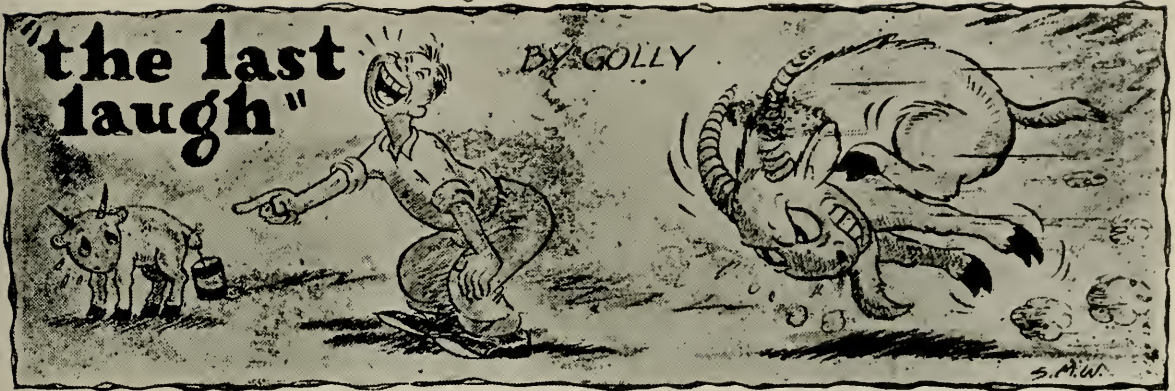
We have recently received word that five members of the J. Goulden Evans' family of Johannesburg expect to return to their former home in the United States in the near future. On account of wartime restrictions no definite information is available. We will all miss the members of this fine family, they have been a tower of strength to each branch of the Church they have located in during the past six years. Former District President J. Goulden Evans and Harvey will remain in South Africa for the time being. Brother Evans is back in Johannesburg in the mining machinery business and Brother Harvey is working in the mills at O'okiep. We wish Sister Evans, Kaye, Mary, Kent and Richard every happiness and pray for their safe arrival at their destination.

Brother Edwin J. Jakins has returned to the Cape after a long residence at Saldanha Bay.

Sergeant-Major Peter Gilmour is on another business trip throughout the Union during May.

Brother Ronald Gilmour and wife, of Muizenberg, spent their vacation at Ceres.

The Mowbray Branch held their annual Easter Monday Picnic at Rhodes, and the Mutuals held an interesting and well-attended Scavenger Hunt during April.



Formula for Mercy Killing.

It is said a certain jury returned the following verdict in a railroad damage suit:

"If the train had run as it should have run, and if the whistle had blown as it should have blew, and if the bell had rung as it should have rung, both of which it did neither, the cow would not have been injured when she was killed."

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A System that Works.

Mrs. Smythe: "I always feel better after a good, hard cry."

Mrs. Smith: "So do I. It sorts of gets things out of your system."

Mrs. Smythe: "No, it doesn't get anything out of my system, but it does get things out of my husband!"

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"Mother Knows Best."

"Seems to me that old Mother Nature has provided for every contingency."

"What prompts that moral reflection?"

"Look at the way she has placed our ears, yet she couldn't have known that we were going to hook glasses over them."

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Inklings.

Any woman can keep a secret, but she needs at least one other woman to help her.

And then there were the two Scotsmen who tried to get into a Bio on one ticket on the ground that they were half-brothers.

Worry is thought slowed down to an ache.

No, Gertie, toothpaste won't keep your teeth from falling out.

Printing Centre's Spade.

Flattery won't hurt you if you don't swallow it.

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Prescription.

Jake: "Gimme a sixpence worth of insect powder."

Chemist: "Okay—shall I wrap it up?"

Jake: "No—blow it down my back."

—Jumbo Fun Book.

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Convenience.

Scotch husbands wear kilts, dear, to avoid constantly putting their hands in their pockets.

London Daily Express.

Stretching.

Tourist, in village store: "What have you got in the shape of motor car tyres?"

Saleslady: "Funeral wreaths, life preservers, invalid cushions, and American doughnuts."

—Sunshine (adapted).

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Army.

The top sergeant lined up the recruits. "Any of you boys know anything about shorthand?"

Seven eager volunteers, having expected worse jobs, eagerly put up their hands.

The T.S. grinned evilly. "O.K. Report to the cook. He's shorthanded on dishwashers."

—Sunshine.

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Highhat.

Mrs. Schmaltz: "Don't you think my new hat is a perfect fit?"

Mr. Schmaltz: "Fit? It's a convulsion."

—Sunshine.

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The Joneses.

"I wonder why we never manage to save anything."

"It's the neighbours, dear. They're always doing something we can't afford."

—Sunshine.

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Recruit.

An elderly gentleman, his grey beard flowing over his chin, appeared before a local recruiting officer.

Elderly Gentleman: "I'd like to volunteer for the marines!"

Recruiting Officer: "But you're too old."

Applicant: "If I pass the 'physical' will you let me in?"

Officer (thinking this a good way to get rid of the applicant): "Yes."

The old man passed the tests with flying colours.

Whereupon the Officer asked: "And to what do you attribute your good health?"

Old Gentleman: "When my wife and I were married fifty years ago, we made an agreement that if ever there was a disagreement, I would leave the house until things cooled off."

Officer: "Yes . . ."

"Whiskers": "So, I attribute my good health to the great out-door life."

Mother

MY feeling toward my mother became a defence, a barrier between me and temptation, so that I could turn aside from temptation and sin by the help of the Lord and the love begotten in my soul, toward her whom I knew loved me more than anybody else in all the world, and more than any other living being could love me.

The true mother, the mother who has the fear of God and the love of truth in her soul, would never hide from danger or evil and leave her child exposed to it. But as natural as it is for the sparks to fly upward, as natural as it is to breathe the breath of life, if there were danger coming to her child, she would defend her child to the uttermost. Her life would be nothing in the balance, in comparison with the life of her child. That is the love of true motherhood for children. I have learned to place a high estimate upon the love of mother. I have often said, and will repeat it, that the love of a true mother comes nearer being like the love of God than any other kind of love.—President Joseph F. Smith.

Thoughtful attention to Mother's Day is the due of every mother, but no true mother ever lived who would not rather have her son grow to useful manhood, loving integrity, cherishing truth, and living in righteousness, than she would have all of the demonstrative once-a-year evidences of affection that could be heaped upon her. To honour his mother with the highest of all honour, a man must realize his greatest usefulness in life, must render the most worthy service of which he is capable, must cherish truth, love, virtue, esteem, character, and must uphold, on all occasions, the highest ideals and principles of which he has any knowledge.

—President Richard L. Evans.

MOTHERS' DAY SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Lord, in Thy tenderness, Lord in Thy love,
List Thou my Song of Thanksgiving to-day,
Gloria, Gloria rings from above,
With all the world singing the song of the May.
Father most gracious, Father of all,
Lo! I have heard Thee and answer Thy call,
And kneel at Thy threshold, enraptured to be,
Thy hand-maiden, Lord, and creator with thee.

Refrain.

Sing, let me sing in thanksgiving to-day,
Sing on with nature in songs of the May,
Sing on in chorus, ye mothers of men,
Hosannah and Gloria, Praise and Amen!
Lord, in Thy tenderness, Lord in Thy love,
Mighty the trust Thou has given to me,
When out from the light of Thy Presence above,
The souls of the children come winging from Thee.
Father, most gracious, Father of all,
Here at thy threshold, I answer Thy call,
And sing as I pray to be worthy to be
Thy hand-maiden, Lord, and creator with Thee.

—Bertha A. Kleinman.